

or withdrawal of a bid received by telephone from the receiving telegraph office not later than the time set for opening of bids shall be considered only if the message is confirmed by receipt of a copy of the written telegram or mailgram which formed the basis for the telephone call. Modifications received by telegram or mailgram (including a record of those telephoned by the telegraph company) shall be sealed in an envelope by a proper official who shall write thereon the date and time of receipt and by whom received, the invitation for bids, number, and his signature. No information contained therein shall be disclosed before the time set for bid opening or for the start of the sale. The term *telegraphic notice* includes modifications and withdrawals submitted by telegram or mailgram. The following statement should be included in all invitations for bids:

The terms *telegraphic bid* and *telegraphic notice* include bids and notices by telegram or by mailgram.

(b) A bid may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or his authorized representative, provided his identity is made known and he signs a receipt for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is prior to the exact time set for the opening of bids (in the instance of sealed bid sales) or the exact time set for the start of the sale (in the instance of spot bid and auction sales).

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#### **§ 101-45.705 Late modifications and withdrawals.**

(a) Modifications of bids and requests for withdrawal of bids which are received by the contracting officer after the exact time set for bid opening (in sealed bid sales) or after the exact time set for the receipt of bids (in spot bid or auction sales) are "late modifications" and "late withdrawals", respectively. A late modification or late withdrawal shall be subject to the provisions of § 101-45.703. However, a late modification of the otherwise successful bid shall be opened at any time it is received; and if in the judgment of the contracting officer it makes the terms

of the bid more favorable to the Government, it shall be considered.

(b) Mailed-in, telegraphic, and mailgram modifications or withdrawals which are received by the contracting officer after the time set for the start of a spot bid or auction sale shall not be considered, regardless of the cause of delay.

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### **Subpart 101-45.8—Mistakes in Bids**

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#### **§ 101-45.800 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart prescribes the policies and methods governing the treatment by executive agencies of mistakes in bids by bidders in sales of personal property. The authorities prescribed herein are not intended to nullify previous authorities granted by the Comptroller General.

#### **§ 101-45.801 General.**

After the opening of bids, sales contracting officers shall examine all bids for mistakes. Where the sales contracting officer has reason to believe that a mistake may have been made, he shall request from the bidder a verification of the bid, calling attention to the suspected mistake. If the bidder alleges a mistake, the matter shall be processed in accordance with this subpart 101-45.8. Such actions shall be taken prior to award.

#### **§ 101-45.802 Apparent clerical mistakes.**

Any clerical mistake apparent on the face of a bid may be corrected by the sales contracting officer prior to award if the sales contracting officer has first obtained from the bidder verification of the bid actually intended. An example of such an apparent mistake is an error in placing the decimal point (e.g., a bidder bids \$10 each on 10 units, but shows an extended price of \$1,000 or a bidder bids \$0.50 per lb. for 1,000 lbs. but shows an extended price of \$50). Any correction made pursuant to this § 101-45.802 shall be reflected in the award